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AMENDMENTCommissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the telephone call of the Examiner on October 7, 1996, please add new claim 46, which contains the language of a claim that was improperly amended in the June 7, 1995 preliminary amendment (claim "49").

New Claim

D1 Rule 26
~~46.~~ A method for reducing the number of bacteria in a food item for animals so that the number of bacteria in the food item treated by said method is at least 10^3 -fold lower at about 3-6 days after treatment than in an untreated control food item, said method comprising applying about 200 μ g of β -hydroxypropionaldehyde per gram of food item to said food item,